

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 712 – SB 979

February 20, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires hospitals, between August 1 and March 31 of each year, to distribute information on influenza disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against the influenza virus. Such information is to be distributed to patients six months and older and may be distributed to the legal guardians of patients aged six months through eighteen years of age.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003573):** Requires hospitals to provide or inform patients of such information, rather than distribute it.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that the majority of hospitals, including public, private, and non-profit, have this information readily available to provide or inform its patients.
- Any increase in costs for any hospital owned or supported by a government, state or local, is estimated to be not significant.
- The bill specifies that the requirements do not constitute a requirement to be assessed during any hospital inspections by the Department of Health. Therefore, the Department will not incur any additional expenditure.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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